IT AIN'T NECESSARILY SO

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Moderato scherzoso

SPORTING LIFE

VOICE

Piano

p *mf* *p*

1. It

Gmi. C Gmi. C Gmi. C
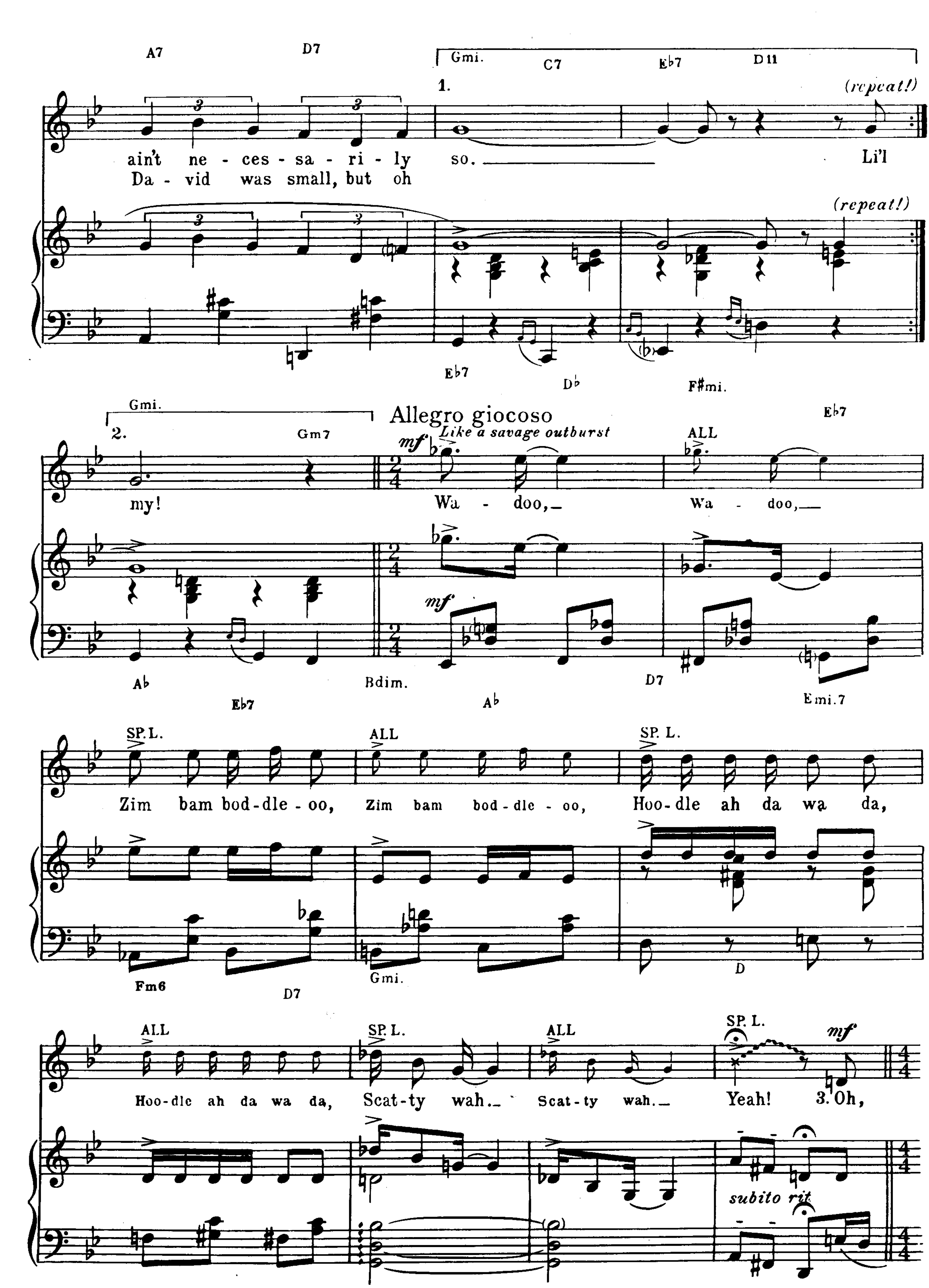
(happily, with humor)

ain't ne - ces - sa - ri - ly so, It ain't ne - ces - sa - ri - ly
2. Da - vid was small, but oh my! Li'l Da - vid was small but oh
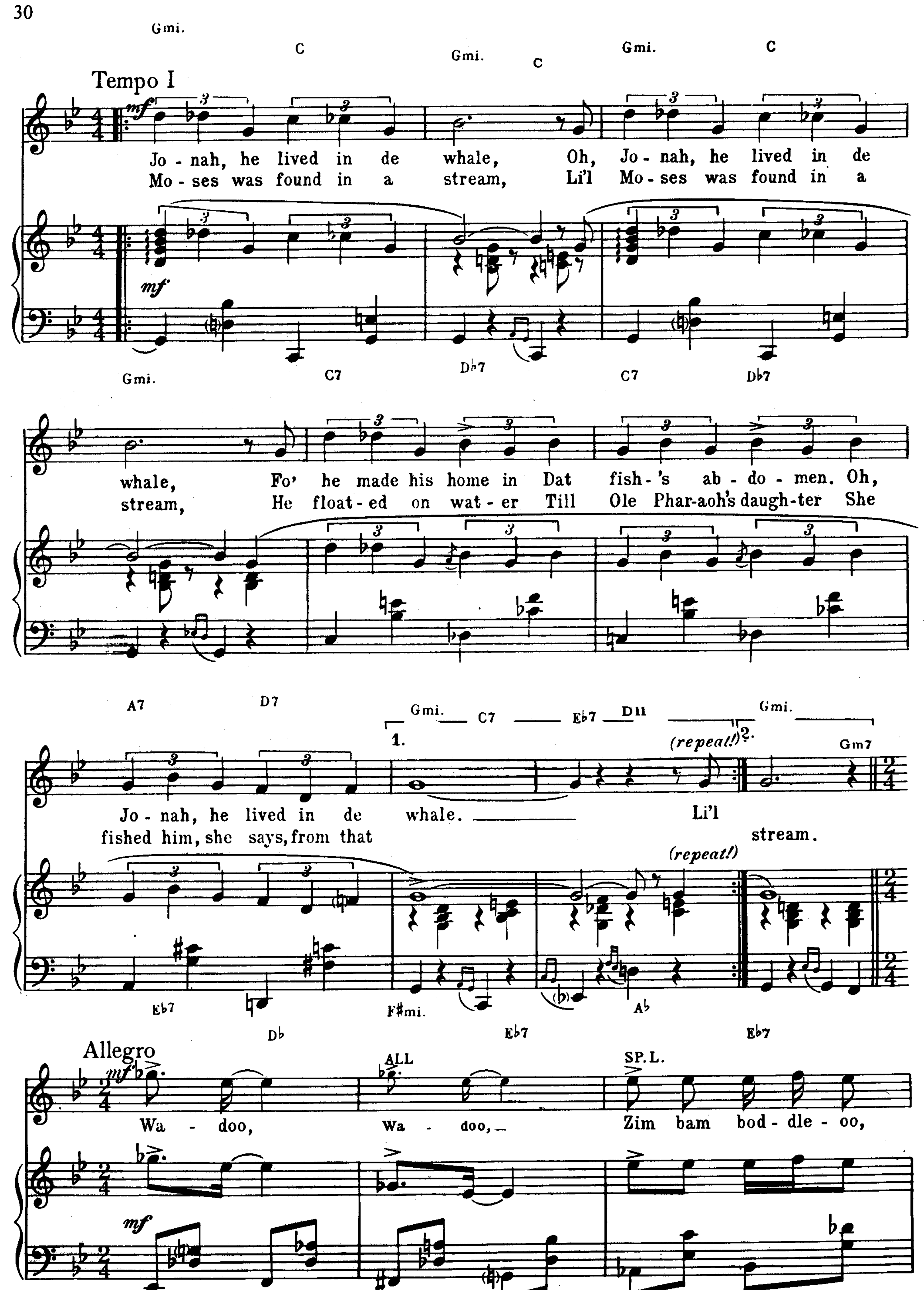
Gmi. C7 D♭7 C7 D♭7
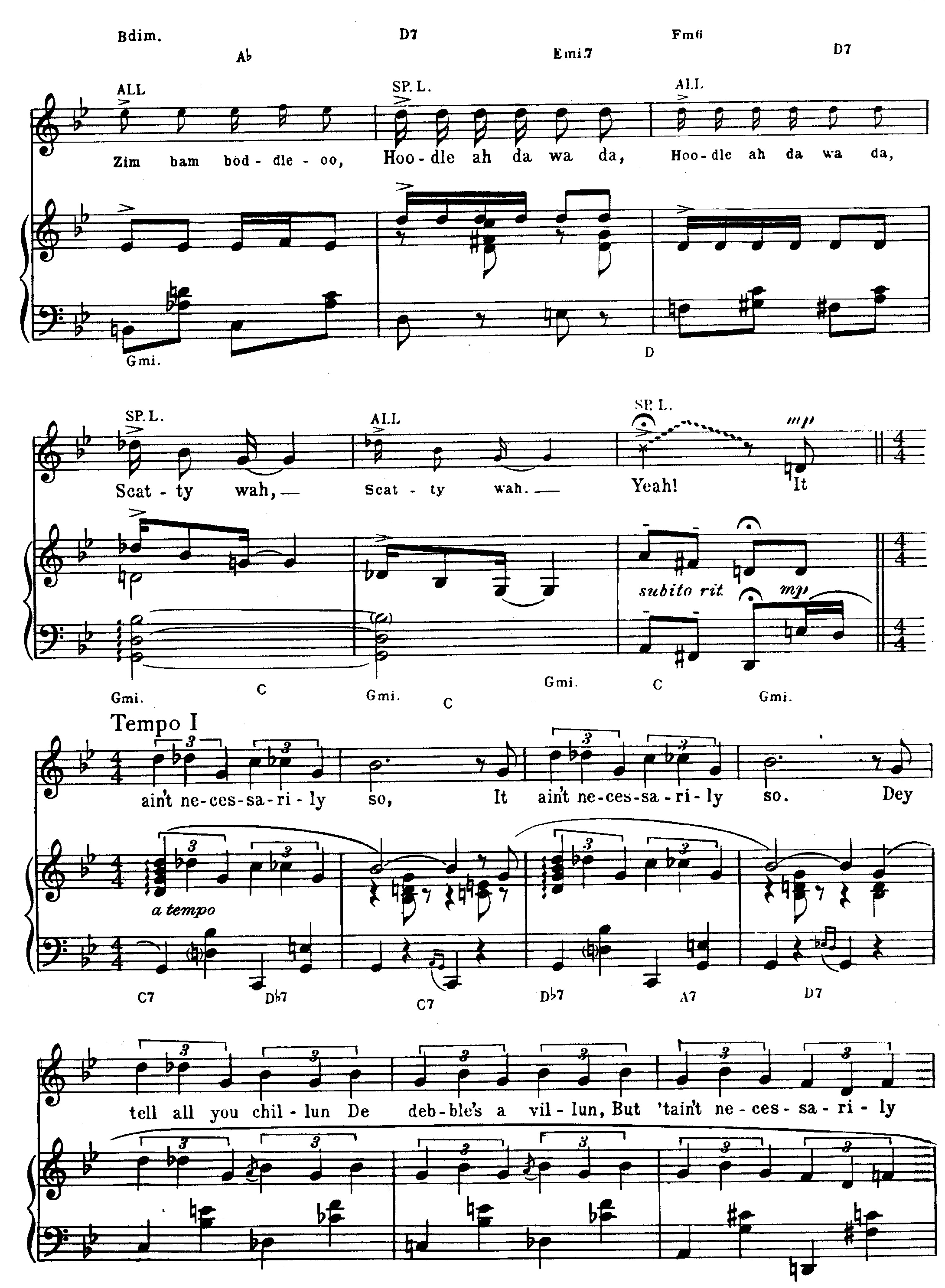
so, De t'ings dat yo' li' - ble To read in de Bi - ble, it
my! He fought big Go - li - ath Who lay down an' di - eth! Li'l
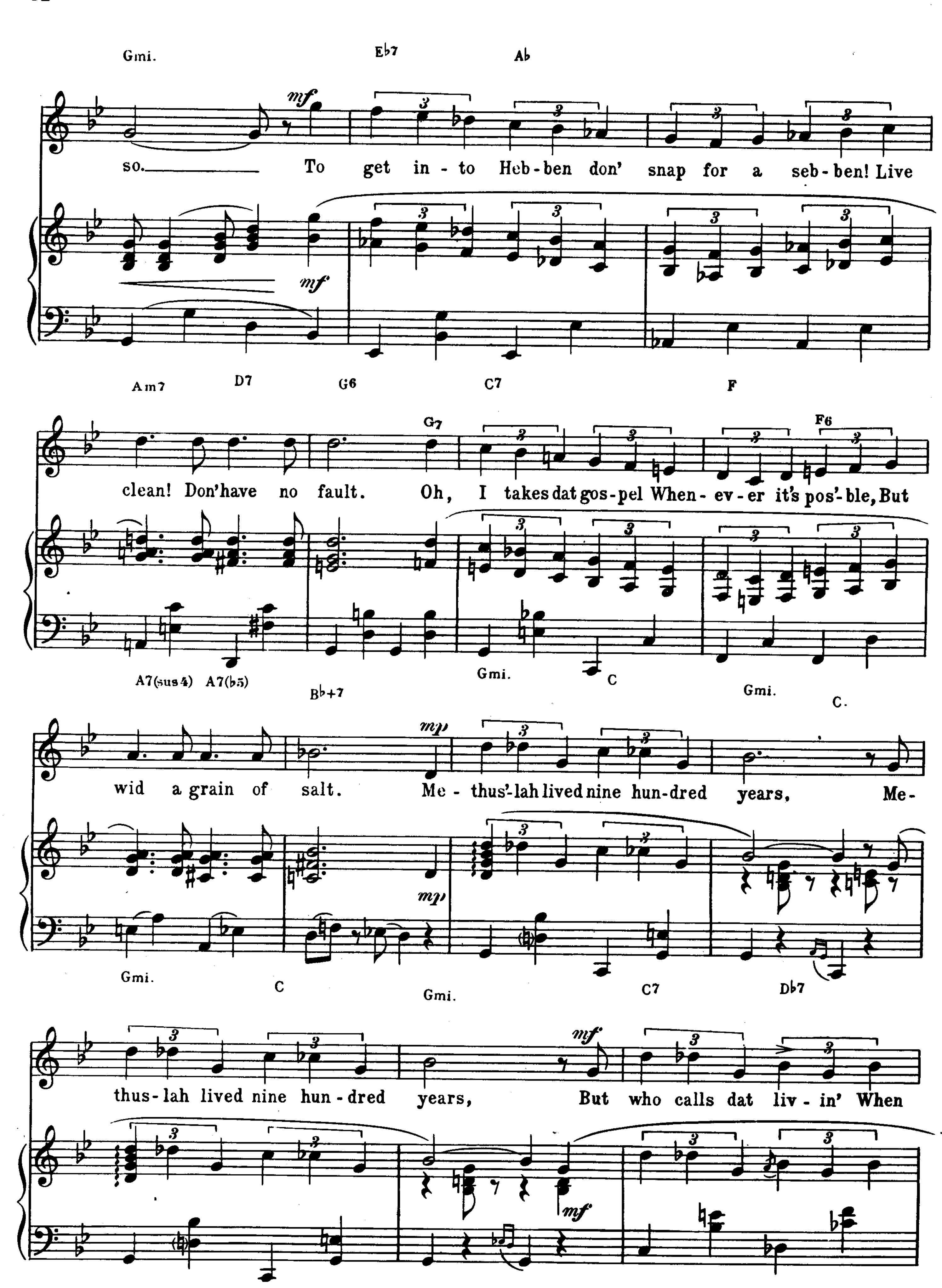
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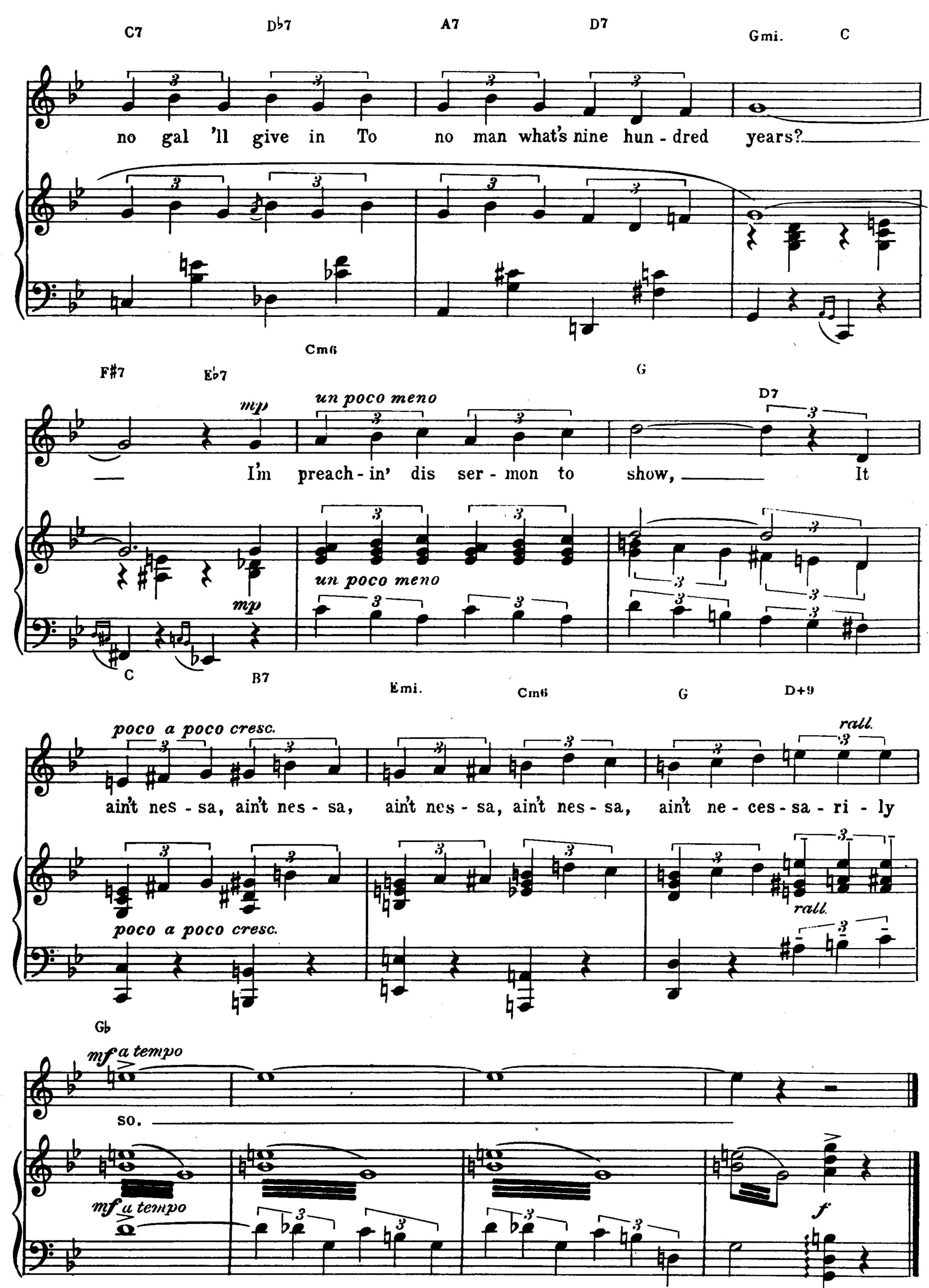


A7
D7
Gmi.
C7
E♭7
D11
1.
(repeat!)
ain't ne - ces - sa - ri - ly so. Li'l
Da - vid was small, but oh
(repeat!)
E♭7
D♭
F♯mi.
Gmi.
2.
Gm7
Allegro giocoso
Like a savage outburst
mf
ALL
E♭7
my! Wa - doo, Wa - doo,
mf
A♭
Bdim.
D7
E♭7
A♭
Emi.7
SP. L.
ALL
SP. L.
Zim bam bod - dle - oo, Zim bam bod - dle - oo, Hoo - dle ah da wa da,
Fm6
D7
Gmi.
D
ALL
SP. L.
ALL
SP. L.
mf
Hoo - dle ah da wa da, Scat - ty wah. Scat - ty wah. Yeah! 3. Oh,
subito rit.


Tempo I
Gmi. C Gmi. C Gmi. C
Jo - nah, he lived in de whale, Oh, Jo - nah, he lived in de
Mo - ses was found in a stream, Li'l Mo - ses was found in a
Gmi. C7 Db7 C7 Db7
whale, Fo' he made his home in Dat fish - 's ab - do - men. Oh,
stream, He float - ed on wat - er Till Ole Phar - aoh's daugh - ter She
A7 D7 Gmi. C7 Eb7 D11 Gmi. Gm7
1. (repeat!) 2.
Jo - nah, he lived in de whale. Li'l
fished him, she says, from that stream.
(repeat!)
Eb7 F#mi. Ab
Allegro
Db Eb7 Eb7
ALL SP. L.
Wa - doo, Wa - doo, Zim bam bod - dle - oo,


Bdim.
Ab
D7
Emi.7
Fm6
D7
ALL
SP. L.
ALL
Zim bam bod-dle-oo, Hoo-dle ah da wa da, Hoo-dle ah da wa da,
Gmi.
D
SP. L.
ALL
SP. L.
mp
Scat-ty wah, — Scat-ty wah. — Yeah! It
subito rit.
mp
Gmi.
C
Gmi.
C
Gmi.
C
Gmi.
Tempo I
ain't ne-ces-sa-ri-ly so, It ain't ne-ces-sa-ri-ly so. Dey
a tempo
C7
Db7
C7
Db7
A7
D7
tell all you chil-lun De deb-ble's a vil-lun, But 'tain't ne-ces-sa-ri-ly


Gmi.
Eb7
Ab
mf
so. To get in - to Heb - ben don' snap for a seb - ben! Live
Am7
D7
G6
C7
F
G7
F6
clean! Don'have no fault. Oh, I takes dat gos-pel When - ev - er it's pos'-ble, But
A7(sus4) A7(b5)
Bb+7
Gmi.
C
Gmi.
C.
mp
wid a grain of salt. Me - thus'-lah lived nine hun-dred years, Me -
Gmi.
C
Gmi.
C7
Db7
mf
thus - lah lived nine hun - dred years, But who calls dat liv - in' When


C7
D♭7
A7
D7
Gmi.
C
no gal 'll give in To no man what's nine hun - dred years?
Cm6
F#7
E♭7
G
D7
mp
un poco meno
I'm preach - in' dis ser - mon to show, It
un poco meno
mp
C
B7
Emi.
Cm6
G
D+9
poco a poco cresc.
rall.
ain't nes - sa, ain't nes - sa, ain't nes - sa, ain't nes - sa, ain't ne - ces - sa - ri - ly
poco a poco cresc.
rall.
G♭
mf a tempo
so.
mf a tempo
f